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CASES OF FRAUD IN CENTRAL EXCISE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dapartment of central excise detected 5573 cases of fraud / presumptive fraud involving duty of Rs. 4,478 crores during the years 2001-04.

(b) if so, the datils of the companies involved in fraud, and action taken against those companies: and

(c) the quantum of amount recovered from those companies during the year 2003-04?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(a) Yes, Sir. 5539 cases of Fraud/Presumptive fraud have been detected during the years 2001-2004involving duty of Rs.4483.408 crores. Variance in the figures is due to reconciliation of inconsistencies noted in the reports of field formations under Central Board of Excise and Customs.

(b) A list of companies where the duty amount involved is more that 10 crores is annexed (Annex − 'A'). Necessary action under Central Excise Act, 1944 and the rules made there under is being taken to recover the duty amount.

(c) The amount recovered in the year 2003-04 is Rs.86.10 crores.